



RUTHERGLEN HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:

Mr Philip Rogers

A VICTORIAN SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Rutherglen High School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your past and future support, this has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Within our school this support has allowed us a wider offering of subjects and special curriculum experiences and enhanced digital learning opportunities.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Philip Rogers

Principal

Mrs Fiona Brooks

School Council President



Curriculum Contributions - items and activities that students use, or participate in, to access the Curriculum	Amount \$110.00
Year 9 classroom consumables, materials & equipment	\$80.00
Year 9 Local Facilities (eg Henderson Pavilion Hire – related to Curriculum use)	\$10.00
Year 9 printing and photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$20.00
Year 9 whole school events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics carnival - entry and transport • Swimming carnival – entry and transport • Cross Country/Colour Run - transport 	COSTS TO BE ADVISED
Other Contributions - for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount \$30.00
School Sports Victoria and SSV Ovens & Mitta Membership	\$10.00
Locker Lock (\$15.00 If a replacement is needed)	RETAIN FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
School grounds maintenance and improvements	\$20.00
Total Amount for Year 9	\$140.00

Educational items for students to own

Students have already received a list of items that we recommend you purchase from <https://campion.com.au> for your child to individually own and use. (Please see the General office if you require another list). The school also recommends you purchase your BYOD computer from JB HIFI (more information to follow).

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Rutherglen High School offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.



***Please note that the items below may be purchased throughout the year but must be paid before attending or receiving item or activity.**

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	Amount	Purchase
School Magazine	\$20.00	
Optional Year 9 Camp	TBA	
Optional Year 9 T-Shirt (indicative \$30 each)	TBA	
Optional Year 9 Interschool Sports program (per term)	TBA	
Optional Year 9 private music lessons - Per Term Cost	\$50.00	
Optional Year 9 private music lessons – Per Term Cost (Second Instrument)	\$25.00	
Other optional Year 9 excursions/activities - to be scheduled	TBA	
Total Extra-curricular Items and Activities		\$

Financial Support for Families

Rutherglen High School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
- State Schools' Relief - provides financial support for eligible families to purchase uniform items.

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Julie Jones

Ph: 02 6032 9483 | Email: Rutherglen.hs@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

Parent contributions towards the requested payments is essential to maintain the quality of education that we provide at Rutherglen High School. Payment can be made electronically via BPAY. Rutherglen High School BILLER CODE is 87361. Please contact RHS on **02 6032 9483** for your unique BPAY reference to make a payment. Alternatively, cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments can be made directly at RHS Office.

Refunds

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.